THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

The Freedom of the Preſs is one of the great Bulwarks of Liberty, and can never be reſtrained but by deſpotic Governments.

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To Meſſ. DIXON & HUNTER.

ALTHOUGH commerce, like liberty, ſhould be touched with a gentle hand, leſt in lopping off the exreſcences, or in correcting the abuſes, we may injure the body; yet regulations, become ſometimes indiſpenſible; and perhaps never were more neceſſary than at this time; but however deſirable, no effectual means can be applied, without conſidering the ſubject in a comprehenſive manner, having a regard to the general, as well as particular intereſts of the whole American States. For a partial regulation of one government however well intended, could not have the proper effect, unleſs it was generally adopted, as an opportunity might thereby be given to *one State*, of benefiting itſelf by the reſtraints laid upon *the other*, or the *one State* might take occaſion of ſecuring to itſelf particular advantages, at the expence of *the reſt*, which muſt conſequently produce mutual jealouſies, and recriminations, as in the caſe of the embargo laid upon the exports in Maſſachuſetts government, and the late extraordinary act of the Aſſembly of Maryland, prohibiting the exportation of iron. But from theſe conſiderations, I ſhould have ſuppoſed ſome more effectual meaſures would have been adopted *here*, in order to have kept the price of Salt within the bounds of moderation, and to have prevented the iniquitous practice of engroſſing; which article being conſidered as a *neceſſary of life*, makes, the grievance ſtill more *intolerable*. For in a prevailing ſcarcity, when every one is alarmed leſt he ſhould miſs the chance of getting ſupplied with that valuable article, his ſolicitude, and extreme anxiety, to procure it at any rate, opens ſuch a proſpect of advantage to the avaricious, and unfeeling trader, that he gladly ſeizes the precious opportunity of adding to his ill gotten ſtore, though drawn from the diſtreſſes of his countrymen. However I wiſh not to dwell upon the evil, but to proceed to my principal deſign of propoſing a remedy: If a temporary act was made in every government upon the continent, limiting the price of ſalt, adequate to the riſk of the importer, ſay three dollars per buſhel, and allowing him moreover a bounty of one third of a dollar, and making at the ſame time every veſſel that brought no ſalt chargeable with a duty of a dollar per ton; and that no perſon purchaſing, to ſell again, ſhould take more than 15 to 25 per cent profit, according to the riſk and difficulty of obtaining it, the end would, in a great meaſure, be anſwered. But it may perhaps be objected to this meaſure, that at a time when trade is attended with ſuch great riſk, as to require every incentive, and aid that can be given it, it would be bad policy to cramp it by ſuch reſtrictions, that a ſcarcity muſt neceſſarily enhance the price, and a returning plenty the natural conſequence thereof, would of itſelf remove the evil. Although I acknowledge the propriety of the above maxims, when applied to the general principles of a free trade, yet I can by no means allow their force in the preſent confined ſtate of our trade, nor their application, in reſpect to the *neceſſaries of life*—Where every one hath it at his option to purchaſe, or let it alone, every ſeller hath a right to impoſe his own terms; but on the contrary, when the purchaſer is compelled to buy, through actual neceſſity, which is undoubtedly the caſe in reſpect to ſalt, he hath not the exerciſe of his own freedom, or will, but is left wholly at the mercy of the ſeller, who two often knows no rule but that of his intereſt, which implicitly proves it muſt neceſſarily lead into acts of the greateſt extortion and impoſition; from which the neceſſitous ſhould ever find protection in a well regulated government; or it is natural to expect they will endeavour to ſeek their own remedy.

If I have dropped a hint for the advantage of my country, my end is anſwered.

A MERCHANT.

TO THE PRINTERS.

SIRS,

I HAVE lately ſeen a ſmall packet directed to Mr. ————, a magiſtrate; the contents of which were three packs of cards. The diſagreeable diſcovery gave riſe to ſome very melancholy reflections in my mind; from whence I would propoſe the following queries: 1ſt. Is not every Magiſtrate, ſworn to their duty, chargeable with the heavy guilt of perjury, that inſtead of being *a terror to evil doers*, countenance, connive at, or allow gaming, contrary to law? What ſhall we think then of thoſe, who from a ſordid view of getting a few dirty pence, in an oblique way, put into the hands of lawleſs gamblers thoſe fatal inſtruments, productive of almoſt every deſtructive and deadly evil? Secondly, doth not God, as moral governor of the world, take notice of, and puniſh violators, and contemners of his laws and authority? If ſo, are not the ſins of our country (amongſt which gaming is far from being the leaſt) the true reaſon why *the hand of God is ſo heavy upon us*? Or why ſhould the righteous cauſe, in which we are engaged, have proved fatal to the lives of ſo many of our dear youth, and others? Then thirdly, are not thoſe who are indulging unlawful pleaſures, and ſinful practices, at this time, the greateſt foes to our country, notwithſtanding their hypocritical pretences to the contrary? Are they not chargeable with the bloodſhed, and deſolation thereof? And laſtly, would it not be the moſt ſalutary and effectual method to put a ſtop to this great evil, if our wiſe Aſſembly would enact, that any one found gaming, racing, &c. ſhould be deemed a ſoldier, to all intents and purpoſes, and be dealt with accordingly? Would not the utility of ſuch a law greatly counter-ballance the objection, *to wit.* that of bringing an odium on the ſoldiery; eſpecially when we conſider at how low an ebb recruiting is at this time? What meaſures have been already taken to ſupply our quotas of men? And how welcome they would be at the camp on any ſcore?

I am, Sirs, your humble ſervant,

A CUSTOMER.

OCTOBER 22, 1777.

NOVEMBER 16, 1777.

ANY Perſon by applying to *Solomon Gordon* at *Manchester*, the Falls of *James* River, may be ſupplied with exceeding good PITT COAL at one Shilling and Threepence per Buſhel.

(1‖) THOMAS & MAN SOWELL.

TO be ſold, for ready Money, at *Buckland*, in the County of *Charles City*, on the firſt of *December* next, the Stocks of Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs, upon the ſaid Plantation, and alſo ſome valuable high blooded Colts, Part of the Eſtate of the late Honourable *William Byrd*, Eſq; and alſo on the next Day at *Weſtover*, ſome Articles of Houſehold Furniture, &c. which were omitted at the late Sale.

(1‖) THE EXECUTRIX.

ONE Hundred and ſixty five Pounds ſix Shillings and nine Pence Halfpeny is juſt put into my Hands, as Prize Money due to Capt. *James Baron* and others, of the *Hampton* Company, for the Sloop *Swallow*, Boats *Patſey* and *Rappahannock* Packet. A further Sum is ſtill due to the ſaid Company from the Public on Account of other Veſſels captured, which when received ſhall be ſettled with the Captors, who are deſired to make Application for their reſpective Shares, to

JACOB WRAY, Agent.

THREE THOUSAND BUSHELS OF

CHOICE BARLEY,

To be SOLD, for ready Money only,

APPLY TO THE PRINTERS. 2‖

To be SOLD, *at public Sale, on* Wedneſday *the* 3*d of* December, *in* Suffolk, *if fair, if not, the next fair Day, the following Goods*, viz.

A LARGE Quantity of *Demarara* Rum, and Spirits, *Madeira* Wine in Quarter Caſks, *Muſcovado* and Loaf Sugar, Salt, Jeſuits Bark, black Pepper, Nutmegs, Cinnamon, coarſe Cloths, Oſnabrugs, Sheeting, Shirting Linen, Sail Duck, Dowlas, Thread and Silk Handkerchiefs, Pins, Corks, Card Wire, Paper, &c. &c. &c.

PHRIPP & BOWDOIN.

Juſt PUBLISHED (Price ONE SHILLING each, or EIGHT SHILLINGS the Dozen)

The *Virginia* ALMANACK

For the Year 1778.

To be rented for the enſuing Year, on Friday *the 5th of* December, *on the Premiſes,*

A VALUABLE Plantation near *Hanover* Town, belonging to the Eſtate of Mr. *Joſeph Smith*, deceaſed; at the ſame Time 17 or 18 of the Slaves will be hired out, and Part of the Crop of Corn and Fodder, with the Stock of Horſes, Cattle, and Hogs, and Plantation Utenſils, to be ſold for ready Money.

2‖ WILLIAM ANDERSON.

HANOVER, *Nov.* 18, 1777.

TO BE SOLD, on *Tueſday* the 2d of *December*, for ready Money, at my Plantation in *Henrico*, a Quantity of Corn, Fodder, Pork, Beef, Hogs, and ſome Cattle, and the Land will be ſold or rented the ſame Day. (2‖) WILLIAM ANDERSON.

On Tueſday *the 25th Inſtant will be ſold at public Vendue, in the Town of* Suffolk, *ſundry Merchandiſes*, viz.

FIFTY one Pieces of coarſe Woollen Cloth, fit for Negroes, *&c.* 130 ready made Shirts, 6 Pieces of Checks, 12 ditto of Cloth, 4 Bales of coarſe Blankets, 218 Dozen of Sewing Thread. 1 lb. of Sewing Silk, 14 Bags of Coffee, 12 Hhds. of Moloſſes, 30 Caſks of Rum. 2‖ JOHN & JOSEPH HARPER.

NOVEMBER 10, 1777.

Purſuant to the laſt Will and Teſtament of the Rev. John Dixon, *deceaſed, will be ſold at the Town of* Falmouth, *on* Tueſday *the 25th Inſtant* (November)

THE public Warehouſes called *Dixon's* & *Falmouth*, the Houſes moſtly new and in good Order, and lying at the Falls of *Rappahannock*; they receive near as much Tobacco as any Inſpection in the Country. All Perſons who have Demands againſt the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to make them known immediately, that Proviſion may be made for Payment. (4) JOHN PEYTON, } Executors. JOHN DIXON, }

WILLIAMSBURG, *November* 6, 1777.

THE Subſcriber begs Leave to inform the Public in general, and her Friends in particular, that ſhe has opened a Store oppoſite Mr. *John Greenhow's*, near the Market Square, where ſhe purpoſes to ſell all Kinds of *European* Goods on Commiſſion. They may be aſſured there ſhall be the greateſt Care and Aſſiduity to execute their Commands with Deſpatch and Punctuality. She has now on Hand the following Articles, for ready Money only, *viz.*------Elegant Paſte Necklaces, Earrings, Shoe and Knee Buckles, Pinchbeck Watches, Men and Womens Watch Chains, Keys, Seals, and Cryſtals, a few Materials for Watch-Makers, Sleeve and Coat Butttons, Silver Toothpick Caſes, Gold and Silver Lace, Pocket Piſtols, beſt Ivory Handle Knives and Forks, Cut Glaſs Caſtors, with Silver Tops, ornamental, Tea and Table China Bowls, *&c.* Glaſs and Queen's Ware, a neat Tea Urn, with a Mohogany Stand, a Mohogany Tea Tray, *German* Flute, Guitar, Backgammon Table, Table Linen, Oſnabrugs, *Virginia* Cloth, Cambrick, Lawn, Calicoes, *Virginia* Counterpanes, Ladies Riding Hats and Feathers, Velvet Collars, Feather Muff, Wearing Apparel, Houſehold Furniture, *&c. &c.*—Old Peach and Apple Brandy, old *Jamaica* Spirits, *Holland* Geneva, fine Stomachick Cordial, old *Madeira* and old *Bourdeaux* Claret in Bottles, Chocolate, *&c. &c.* with many other Articles too tedious to enumerate. ANN NEILL.

PRINCE GEORGE, *November* 10, 1777.

WHEREAS I have purchaſed of a certain *Robert Eckles* of *Amelia* County, a Tract of Land containing about 130 Acres, lying on the *Hurricane* Creek, near *Green's* Church, and have paid Part of the Purchaſe Money, and the ſaid *Eckles* failing to convey ſaid Land agreeable to Bargain, and now refuſing ſo to do, I do hereby forewarn any Perſon from purchaſing ſaid Land, as I am determined to ſeek Juſtice whenever Law may put it in my Power.

(2‖) ISHAM MALONE.

WILLIAMSBURG, *November* 12, 1777.

STOLEN, or STRAYED, from this City, on *Sunday* the 2d Inſtant, a SORREL HORSE about 15 Hands high, 4 Years old, trots and gallops, has a ſmall greyiſh Snip in his Face, a Switch Mane and Tail, and very low in Fleſh. TWENTY SHILLINGS Reward will be paid to any Perſon who delivers him to Mr. *Robert Fry* in *Williamſburg*, or to Mr. *James Lyle* in *Manchester*, at which Place he was bred.

To be ſold, at public Sale, in Fredericksburg, *on* Thurſday *the 8th Day of* January *next, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day,*

ABOUT FIFTY CHOICE SLAVES, conſiſting of Men, Women, and Children, for ready Money. I will alſo treat with any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe a fine and pleaſant Seat on *Rappahannock* River. It is where I formerly lived, lying on the north Side in *King George* County, about 14 Miles below *Fredericksburg*: The Tract contains 1140 Acres, on which there is a good and convenient Brick Dwelling Houſe, with all Kinds of Office Houſes, alſo a good Griſt-Mill ſtanding on a very convenient Stream of Water, and was rebuilt about 3 Years ago.

(‖) WILLIAM CHAMPE.

To be ſold at Richmond, *on* Wedneſday *the 3d of* December, *to the higheſt Bidder, the following Articles*, viz.

ONE Hundred Buſhels of Salt, 1500 Wt. of Steel, 330 lb. of Tea, 1000 lb. of choice *Muſcovado* Sugar, 150 lb. of Indigo, 35 Tierces of *Weſt India* Rum, 19 Pieces of *Ruſſia* Drilling, 20 Dozen Hoes, a few Dozen Axes, 116 Pair of Cards, 30 or 40 fowling Pieces, Tapes, Threads, Needles, Spices, Pimenta, Ginger, and ſundry other Articles.

PITT & STONER.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the Subſcriber in *Hanover* County, a large Bay Horſe 5 Feet high, ſlender made, with a droop Rump, paces naturally, no Brand that I remember, has ſeveral Spots on his Back. Whoever delivers the ſaid Horſe to me, near *Hanover* Town, or give ſuch Intelligence that I get him again, ſhall receive 5 Dollars Reward.

‖ BARTLET ANDERSON.

HAMPTON, *Nov.* 12, 1777.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the Subſcriber the 14th of laſt Month, an Iron gray Horſe 6 or 7 Years old, about 14 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder U, with a Star in his Forehead, hanging Mane and ſwitch Tail. I will give 10 Dollars Reward to any Perſon that will bring the ſaid Horſe to me at *Hampton*.

‖ HENRY MANN.

NOTICE is hereby given to all Perſons that have any juſt Demands againſt the Eſtate of *William Riddell* of *Orange* Country to make them known without Loſs of Time, and all thoſe that are indebted to the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to come and ſettle their Accounts immediately, or they may expect Trouble.

(2‖) JAMES RIDDELL, } Executors. LEWIS RIDDELL, }

To be SOLD *to the higheſt Bidder, for ready Money, on* Tueſday *the 16th of* December,

THE perſonal Eſtate of *Patrick Coutts*, deceaſed, conſiſting of a Number of Slaves, about 50 Head of Cattle, 50 Head of Sheep, 30 odd Hogs, 5 Mares, 5 Horſes, 4 Colts, a Quantity of Wheat, Corn, and Fodder. The Slaves to be ſold before Mr. *Galt*'s Door, in *Richmond*, the Stock, *&c.* at the Quarter, joining the Town. The Remainder of the perſonal Eſtate, *viz.* Houſehold and Kitchen Furniture, to be ſold at *Belvidere*, if convenient, otherwiſe further Notice to be given; the ſame to be obſerved with the Effects at the Store, as Allſpice, Ginger, *&c.*——All Perſons who have Claims againſt the Eſtate of the deceaſed *Patrick Coutts*, by Judgments, Bills of Exchange, Bonds, open Accounts, or Sterling Debts, are deſired to make the ſame known to the Executor, that the reſpective Claims being adjuſted and acknowledged, Payment may be made according to the Dignity of the ſaid Claims.---- I am under the ſevere Neceſſity of forewarning all Perſons from paying any Ferry Money to the young Gentleman who goes by the Name of *Reuben Coutts*.—Three Tracts of Land to be rented for three Years, 400 Acres at *Weſtham*, *Henrico*; the Plantation in *Charles City*, on which *William Tyrie* lives; 800 Acres on *Beaver* Creek, *Smith*'s River, *Henry* County. For which laſt apply to Col. *Abraham Penn*. Bond and Security will be required. WILLIAM COUTTS, Executor.

FOR SALE,
SPRIGHTLY or WASHINGTON,

Two very fine Stud Horſes, at the Subſcriber's Plantation in *Dinwiddie* County, 14 Miles above *Peterſburg*.

SPRIGHTLY, imported from *England* in Anno 1773, now riſing 9 Years old, is a beautiful Horſe, of a dark Cheſtnut Colour, upwards of 15 Hands and an Inch high, of fine Action, is ſound and free from Blemiſh, and prettily marked; he was got by *Wildman*'s BABRAM, his Dam by *Rogers*'s BABRAM, his Grandam by SEDBURY, out of Lord *Portmore*'s EBONY, and has won Plates both in *England* and *America*.

WASHINGTON is a fine bay Colour, upwards of 15 Hands high, riſing 6 Years old; he was got by SELIM, who was got by OTHELLO; *Othello* was got by OLD CRAB, out of a Brood Mare of the Duke of *Richmond*'s; SELIM's Dam was SELIMA, got by the GODOLPHIN ARABIAN; *Waſhington*'s Dam was a very fine imported Mare, called the MOGGY, and was got by Lord *Portmore*'s noted Horſe CRIPPLE, who was got by the *Godolphin Arabian*, his Grandam belonged to the late Duke of *Hamilton*, and was of the ſame Name. I will either ſell of them, and allow a reaſonable Credit.

(‖) ABRAM SMITH.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of *Iſhmael Moody*, deceaſed, are hereby deſired to pay of their Accounts immediately, likewiſe all Perſons that have any Claims againſt the ſaid Eſtate to bring them in, properly proved, as I would be glad to have the Eſtate ſettled as ſoon as poſſible. (2‖) ANN ORRELL, Executrix.

To be ſold to the higheſt Bidder, at Amherſt *Courthouſe, on* Monday *the 1ſt of* December *next*,

A TRACT of LAND in the ſaid County, containing between 7 and 800 Acres, lying on the ſouth Side, and joining the Tobacco Row Mountain, and is known by the Name of the *Cave*. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe may be ſhewed the Land by applying to the Tenant on the Premiſes, and the Terms of Sale will be made known on that Day. DUNCAN GRAHAM.

☞ All Perſons having any Demands againſt the Eſtate of *John Graham*, deceaſed, are deſired to make them known at the Day of Sale.

COMMITTED to the Gaol of *Prince George*, in *September* laſt, a Negro Man, who was taken out of the above Gaol by *William Waddill* ſometime in *Auguſt* laſt. The ſaid *William Waddill* is deſired to fetch him away, and pay Charges.

(2‖) HENRY BATTE.

COMMITTED to the Gaol of *Prince George*, the 3d Inſtant, a Negro Man who ſays his Name is BACCUS, and that he belongs to *Robert Boyd* of *Granville* County; appears to be about 20 Years of Age, about 5 Feet 4 or 5 Inches high, has a Scar in his Forehead, and ſays it came by a Kick of a Horſe, his Apparel of *Virginia* Cloth, and has on a hunting Shirt. Whoever owns the ſaid Negro may have him by applying, and paying Charges. (2‖) HENRY BATTE.

Fifteen Dollars Reward.

STOLEN from the Subſcriber in *Spotſylvania* County, near *Carr's* Bridge, on the Night of 16th Inſtant *(October)* a likely BAY HORSE, 4 Years old, near 14 Hands high, not docked, branded on the near Buttock with a Dot, has a Star in his Forehead, one of his hind Feet white, trots and gallops, has good Life, and is Half blooded, which he ſhews. Any Perſon that gives Intelligence, ſo that I get him, ſhall have 10 Dollars Reward, or the above Reward if brought Home to me. 2‖ WILLIAM BLAYDES.

N. B. There was left in my Paſture the Night my Horſe was taken away an old Bay Mare, branded on the near Buttock and Shoulder M H is blind in one Eye, has ſeveral white Spots on her. Whoever owns her may have her by applying to me. W. B.

TAKEN up, in *Culpeper* County, on the *Robiſon Fork*, a grey or Flea-bitten Gelding, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock W, and on the off Buttock ⊙, and has the Pollevil. Poſted, and appraiſed to 12l. 2‖ JOHN NEAL.

TAKEN up, in *Louiſa* County, about 7 Miles above the Courthouſe, a BAY MARE, about 4 Feet 9 Inches high, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock R E, has a Switch Tail and hanging Mane, and a Star in her Forehead. Poſted, and appraiſed to 35l.

‖ WILLIAM RAGLAND, Junior.

TAKEN up, in *Dinwiddie* County, a EWE and EWE LAMB, the Ewe marked with an Overkeel in the right Ear, and a Crop and Slit in the left, the Lamb marked with a ſmooth Crop in the right, and a Slit in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 15s.

‖ GEORGE LOYD.

TAKEN up, in *Henry* County, on *Pig* River, a red and white STEER, 3 Years old, marked in the right Ear with a Crop and Slit, and in the left Ear a Crop and Staplefork; alſo a COW, 5 Years old, marked in the right Ear with a Crop and Underkeel, and in the left Ear with an Underkeel. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l.

‖ THOMAS HALE.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, at his Iron Works in *Bedford* County an Iron grey MARE, 3 Years old laſt Spring, about 3 Feet 2 or 3 Inches high, and branded on the near Buttock S C. Poſted, and appraiſed to 5l. DAVID ROSS.

TO THE PUBLIC.

FAIRFAX County, *Virginia, Sept.* 9, 1777.

WHEREAS I paſſed my Bond to *Moſes Ball*, Senior, of this County, for 70 odd Pounds, bearing Date the 19th Day of *Auguſt*, 1772, but have diſcharged the ſame ſome Years ago, as I am ready to prove, notwithſtanding the ſaid *Moſes Ball* will not deliver up the ſaid Bond, though frequently and publicly importuned ſo to do by the Subſcriber; theſe are therefore to forwarn all Perſons from taking an Aſſignment of the Bond, as I am determined not to pay it a ſecond Time.

‖ WILLIAM CARLIN.

STRAYED from *Rocky Mills*, about a Fortnight ago, in *Hanover* County, a BAY HORSE about 4 Feet 10 Inches high, with hanging Mane and ſhort Switch Tail, ſhod all round, and branded on the near Shoulder, as well as I recollect, with the Form of a Heart. Strayed alſo, from the Plantation of the late Colonel *Overton*, a handſome BAY MARE, 4 Feet 4 or 5 Inches high, 4 Years old, with hanging Mane and long Tail; ſhe was bred in *Prince Edward*, about 5 Miles from the Academy, and probably will go that Way. Whoever will deliver them to *John Redd* at *Rocky Mills*, or Mr. *James Turner* in *Newcaſtle*, ſhall have FORTY SHILLINGS Reward for each; and if ſtolen FIVE POUNDS, on Conviction of the Thief.

October 23, 1777. JOHN SYME.

TO be ſold, on *Saturday* the 6th of *December*, the Subſcriber's 1240 Acres of Land in the County of *New Kent*, lying upon *Chickahominy* River, a little above *Cowles*'s Ferry. There will be ſold at the ſame Time a Quantity of Corn and Wheat. The Sale will be on the Premiſes, unleſs before the Day appointed the Subſcriber ſhall have ſold the ſame privately, in which Caſe he will give Notice thereof, to prevent unneceſſary Attendance. (4) JOHN BLAIR.

[WILLIAMSBURG, *November* 7, 1777.]

THE Creditors of Col. *Philip Johnſon* are once more deſired to furniſh the Truſtees with their Claims, properly ſtated, and this without Loſs of Time.

STOLEN from the Subſcriber the 20th of *April*, near *Bedford* Court-houſe, two Fillies, one a bright Sorrel with a Blaze Face, a natural Pacer, and ſome of her Feet white, not docked, branded on the off Shoulder and Buttock W. The other a dark Gray not docked, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock W. I will give a Reward of 40s. to any Perſon that will inform me where the ſaid Fillies are, that I get them, or 4l. if brought Home, and 20 Dollars on Conviction of the Thief, if a white Man. (1) WILLIAM READ.

DESERTED from my Company of State Troops in the 2d Regiment, the 18th of this Inſtant (*November*) a certain *Jeſſe Critmore*, a Draught from *Norfolk* County, who had been exchanged by Col. *Maſon* for another Man in my Company ſome few days before to go to the Northward. Whoever takes up ſaid Deſerter, and delivers him to me, or commits him to the public Gaol ſhall receive the uſual Bounty of 20 Dollars Reward. (2) JOHN LEWIS, Captain.

☞ All thoſe enliſted in my Company, who have not joined it, or who are out on Furlough, are deſired to attend at the Barracks, near *Williamſburg*, without loſs of Time, otherwiſe they may expect to be deemed Deſerters, and adverтiſed as ſuch.

TO be ſold, on *Friday* the 21ſt of *November* next, at the Plantation whereon the late Col. *James Walker* lived, in *Pittſylvania* County, all the perſonal Eſtate (Negroes excepted) conſiſting of large Stocks of Cattle, Horſes, Sheep, and Hogs, a very fine Still that works 90 Gallons, a 30 Gallon Still, a large Copper Kettle, Houſehold and Kitchen Furniture, and many other Articles. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed for all Sums above 5 l. on giving Bond, with approved Security, to bear Intereſt from the Date if not punctually paid.

(1) THOMAS GORDON, Adminiſtrator.

PRINCESS ANNE, *November* 4, 1777.

THE Subſcriber intends for the *Weſt Indies* ſoon. (1) ANDREW MARTIN.

☞ Who has for Sale, in the Borough of *Norfolk*, three Lots and one Half Lot of Land, ſituated on *Walſ* and *Brewer's* Streets, very convenient to a Creek where Flats may load and unload at high Water.

OXFODD *Iron Works*, Bedford *County*, *October* 16, 1777.

I WILL give ready Money for likely young Negroes from 15 to 20 Years of Age. I would alſo hire between this and the firſt of *January* 50 or 60 Negro Men for one, two, or three Years. One Half the firſt Year's Hire will be paid down, if required. The Situation of the Works is very healthy, the Labour of the Slaves moderate, and they ſhall have a plentiful Diet. I will allow an advanced Price for Carpenters and Wheelwrights, but will not be concerned with any that are noted Runaways. Any Perſon inclining to treat with me are deſired to ſend their Propoſals to either of the Printers, and I will give them an immediate Anſwer. 8 DAVID ROSS.

TAKEN up, on *Gravelly* Run, in *Dinwiddie* County, a brown and white pied STEER, marked with a Hole in the right Ear, which appears to be torn out, and a Crop and two Slits in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 4l. 10s. (1) WILLIAM EPPES.

To be ſold, at public Auction, for ready Money, on Monday *the firſt of* December *next, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day,*

THE noted ORDINARY and Tract of LAND adjoining thereto, belonging to the Eſtate of *Samuel Aſhley*, deceaſed, ſituate about 6 Miles above *Williamſburg*, on the main Road leading from thence to *Hanover*; there is on the ſaid Land a good Dwelling-Houſe with three Rooms on a Floor, with three large Cloſets, and all other convenient Outhouſes. A good Title will be made, and Poſſeſſion given the firſt Day of *January* next.

(9) ROBERT C. WARREN.

WANTED,

A PERSON that underſtands working a STOCKING-LOOM. Such a One may hear of Employment by applying to the Printers of this Paper. (tf)

STRAYED, or STOLEN, out of the Commons at *Portſmouth*, ſome Time about the 17th of *July*, a young BAY HORSE about 6 Years old, has a ſmall Star in his Forehead, like the Heart of a Card, of the *Janus* Breed, ſtands ſtrait on his hind Legs, a little low before, has a Way of throwing the Saddle Cloth back when riding him, paces and trots, goes peaceably in a Chair, and is a little dull. Any Perſon who will take him up ſhall be handſomely rewarded, and if ſtolen, on Conviction of the Thief, FIFTY DOLLARS. Apply to me, or Mr. *John Bonneſs*, in *Portſmouth*. (tf) BENJAMIN BANNERMAN.

CHESTERFIELD, *October* 16, 1777.

TO be RENTED for a Year, or Term of Years, and may be entered upon the 12th of *December* next, the Tenement and Houſes now in the Occupation of *Maurice Evington*, ſituated at the croſs Roads near *Fourmile* Creek, in *Henrico*. There is a Dwelling-Houſe with two Rooms below and two above, a Kitchen, Dairy, Smokehouſe, a Storehouſe, and Stable, a paled in Garden, and well fenced Paſture. It being ſituated on the direct Roads from *Williamſburg* to *Richmond* Town, and from *Peterſburg* to *Newcaſtle*, renders it a very good Place for an Ordinary. The Terms may be known by applying to the Subſcriber living near the Premiſes, in *Cheſterfield* County. (4) GEORGE WOODSON.

For Sale, and may be entered on this Fall.

A PLANTATION on *Powhatan* Swamp, containing about 500 Acres, *more or leſs*, well wooded and watered, and about ſix Miles from *Williamſburg*. It will Work eight Hands to Advantage, and the Buildings may be made convenient enough with little Repair. There is on the Land a very valuable young Apple Orchard and a Number of good Peach Trees. It contains a large Quantity of very rich Swamp; about fifteen Acres are well reclaimed, and under a good Fence, and yield a conſiderable Quantity of fine Hay every Year.

(tf) RO. C. NICHOLAS.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Oct.* 16, 1777.

To be ſold, at Caroline *Courthouſe, on the ſecond* Thurſday *in* December *next (being Court Day)*

THREE Lots of LAND on *Mattapony* River, each containing 300 or more Acres, very well watered and timbered; a conſiderable Quantity of Meadow may be made on each with little Trouble. Ready Money will be required of the Purchaſers.

(10) ROBERT BAYLOR.

TAKEN up, in *Dinwiddie* County, about the Middle of *September* laſt, a ſmall BLACK HORSE with his hind Feet white, many Saddle Spots, a blaze Face, his right Eye white, hanging Mane and Switch Tail, has a ſore Back, and appears to be very old. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l. (1) BIGNAL PACE.

TAKEN up, on *Butterwood* Creek, in *Dinwiddie* County, a BAY MARE about 4 Feet 9 Inches high, with hanging Mane, neither docked or branded, her off hind Foot white, appears to have been ſurfeited lately, about 4 Years old. Poſted, and appraiſed to 40l.

(1) BENJAMIN POYTHRESS.

To be ſold for ready MONEY,

THAT beautiful Seat on *Mattapony* River, where the late Speaker *Robinſon* lived; there are 1381 Acres of high Land and 600 Acres of Marſh, equal to any in the Country, and may be reclaimed at a moderate Expenſe; beſides the Marſh there are about 20 Acres of Swamp, which may eaſily be converted into a valuable Meadow; on the above Tract there is a Mill, which is rather out of Repair at preſent, but may be made without much Expenſe as valuable as Mills generally are. The Plantation is under good Fences, and in proper Order for Cropping, with a young Orchard of choice Fruit, the Dwelling-Houſe is of Brick, as convenient and well built as any in the State, two Stories high, with 4 large Rooms and a Paſſage on each Floor, and good Cellars under the Whole, a very convenient Brick Kitchen, Servants Hall, and Waſh-Houſe, the Stables, Coach Houſe, Granary, *&c.* are large and in good Repair, and a Garden walled in with Brick. No Situation can exceed this in Beauty, and few in Convenience. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe will be ſhewn the Land and Houſes by applying to Mr *Street*, who lives on the Spot, and the Terms of Sale made known by applying to *Burwell Baſſett*, Eſq; in *New Kent*, Mr, *James Hill* near *Williamſburg*, or to the Subſcriber at Mr. *Dervon's* near *Alexandria*.

(tf) JOHN PARKE CUSTIS.